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## ACTUAL ACCEPTS PEACE TERMS

### 500,000 MEN ON STRIKE IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL

#### KENT MEMBER URGES THAT WHEN WHO SOLD HIGH PRICED TRACTORS BE MADE EXPLAIN

Organization Meeting of Special Committee To Investigate Living Problems Is Held This Morning—The Chairman Recommends That Causes of Present High Prices Be Ascertained and People Told.

Ottawa, June 4.—Despite the heat, which induced a number of members to attend in their shirt sleeves, considerable interest was taken in the organization meeting this morning of the special committee of the House of Commons to investigate the cost of living problem.

George B. Nicholson, East Algoma, who was elected chairman, said that if the committee is to do anything to settle the unrest in the country because of the high cost of living, it would be necessary to get at the causes of present high prices and let the people know what they are. The inquiry, Mr. Nicholson said, should be wide open and confined to definite lines.

**Kent Member's Views.**  
A. B. McColl, Kent, said that if the committee finds out the cause of the high cost of things it should take steps to bring about a change. Mr. Nicholson having replied in the affirmative, Mr. McColl suggested the appearance before the committee of the sales agents of the International Harvester Company and the Advance Rumely Company of Winnipeg to explain the sale of a number of tractors which, he said, were sold at higher prices than should have been asked in view of the fact that the Government has been bringing tractors into the country, and at low cost, in order to encourage production.

**Appointment Committee.**  
H. H. Stevens, Vancouver, after pointing out that the committee is able for the inquiry to cover a wide range during the remaining days of the session, moved the resolution suggesting that the boards of trade in all the larger industrial centres of Canada should be asked to appoint a committee to supply the committee of inquiry with information relating to retail and wholesale prices. Mr. Stevens thought that the committee should devote particular attention to the matter of the spread of prices between the manufacturer and the consumer.

**Resolution Adopted.**  
After further discussion, Mr. Stevens' resolution was adopted in the following form: That, with a view to assisting the committee, we request the mayors of the following cities, viz., Hamilton, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Port William, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria, to form a committee, consisting of one member of each of the following boards of trade, and two representatives of women's organizations or such persons as the foregoing organizations may appoint, such committee to ascertain the basic cost to importer or manufacturer of following staple articles: shoes and shoes, ordinary articles of clothing, meat and meat products of packing companies, bread and cereals, flour and cereals, coal, oil and kerosene, and to report to the committee on or before the 15th inst.

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#### MONTREAL FEARS GENERAL STRIKE; 5,000 OUT NOW

Walkout of Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company Employees.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Excuse Is But Needed To Start a General Walkout.

Montreal, June 4.—Just how near Montreal is to a general strike labor leaders here refuse to predict. The strike of the employees of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company, in the opinion of labor leaders, involves matters rather seriously.

From what could be learned this morning among the strikers, they have not discussed at any meetings the question of a general strike, but each man seems to have been turning it over in his mind, and some of the leaders fear that it but needs the spark at this time to start the conflagration. So long as the local strikes did not involve a large number of men, the situation looked very promising, but now with five thousand men out in the city, many are of the opinion that it will require some sitting on the lid unless a considerable portion of the workers return to their tasks in the very near future. Yesterday there was optimism, today there are grave fears in Montreal labor circles.

**VICTORIA WORKERS POSTPONE GENERAL STRIKE TO THURSDAY**

Victoria, B. C., June 3.—Victoria's action on a general strike in sympathy with Winnipeg workers was deferred at a meeting this afternoon until Thursday night. The latest result of the vote taken by unions here show majority for strike. The street car men held two meetings today, which opposition to a strike was voiced. No vote was taken, it being resolved to await the action of their Vancouver confederates. It is understood that the electricians here are not in sympathy with the strike movement.

**SASKATOON STRIKE SITUATION SHOWS BUT LITTLE CHANGE**

Saskatoon, June 4.—There is but very little change in the strike situation in this city. The street railway men held a mass meeting last night, but decided to remain out until this afternoon. The hotel and restaurant workers, who are working short-handed, at a meeting held last night the employees of the power houses decided not to strike, while stage hands and moving picture operators also decided to stay at work.

**VANCOUVER PRINTERS DECLINE TO JOIN IN GENERAL STRIKE**

Vancouver, B. C., June 3.—Daily newspapers will not be affected by the general strike call here as far as the Typographical Union is concerned, the men having voted last night not to obey the order of the strike committee.

The general strike committee announced yesterday that they would issue statements through the daily press, but the first day and the night of the strike passed without any manifesto. The strike committee contented itself with having posted placards on available telephone and telegraph posts adjuring their members to refrain from congregating and to keep order. The men on strike are receiving strike pay.

**TELEGRAPH OPERATORS IN ATLANTA ON SYMPATHY STRIKE**

Atlanta, Ga., June 4.—Union telegraph operators of the Western Union Telegraph Company here went on strike today in sympathy with the telephone operators of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, who left their switchboards Monday.

**ITALIAN PREMIER 'COOL AS CUCUMBER' IN NEW STRAW LID**

Paris, June 3.—Premier Orlando of Italy is the only delegate to the peace conference who has dared to take a public stand for freedom of the styles. Every other delegate, President Wilson included, wore a silk hat at St. Germain yesterday when the treaty was handed to the Austrians. It was mighty hot and sultry and streams of perspiration ran down the cheeks of the world statesmen. Orlando, looking as cool as a cucumber, wore a straw hat.

#### THE HAIGS AT HOME



Sir Douglas and Lady Haig and their family photographed at their home at Eastcott, Kingston Hill, Surrey. The girls are Alexandra and Victoria; the heir, on his mother's lap, is named George Alexander Eugène.

#### HOOVER SAYS NORMAL TRADING SHOULD PREVAIL ALL OVER WORLD

Paris, June 4.—The last food ship under the direction of the American Food Control organization will leave America late in June unless there should be a decided change in the world's affairs and some new regulation is passed by the United States Congress, it is indicated today. No law is now in existence authorizing the participation of the United States in food control activities after the signing of the peace treaty, and American food experts believe it desirable that the financing of food transactions should be handled by bankers, and that dealings should be permitted through regular channels.

Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Inter-Allied food commission, contends that normal trading should be established throughout the world, and insists that attempts made to control prices will tend to stifle production.

#### TWO KILLED IN RIOTING AT BIG TOLEDO FACTORY

Operations At Willys-Overland Automobile Works Suspended Today.

CORONER INVESTIGATING

Dead Men Were Merely Spectators and Not Involved in Dispute.

Toledo, June 4.—Operations at the Willys Overland Automobile Company were at a standstill today as a result of the rioting last night in which two persons were shot to death, and seven others injured. The plant opened a week ago Monday after two weeks of idleness.

Clarence A. Earl, vice-president and general manager of the company, authorized the announcement that no attempt would be made to operate the plant, which has been affected by labor disturbances involving 12,000 employees, pending word from Governor Cox regarding an appeal from Mayor Schreiber for troops to handle the situation.

The coroner has promised an investigation into the shooting in which two men were killed. The men were never employed at the Overland plant. They were in the crowd, which congregated about a fire station when discharged soldiers gathered the plant arrived in response to a riot call.

Feeling in the neighborhood where the deaths occurred is running high. This is a settlement of Poles. The nationality suffered the most seriously during the rioting, and police authorities are apprehensive of further outbreaks today, aimed at the former soldiers doing emergency police duty.

#### MEN OFF MEGANTIC COMING IN MORNING

The hospital train carrying the London party of patients from the hospital ship Megantic left Quebec City at 5:20 a.m. yesterday, and is due to arrive at the Grand Trunk station here tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

#### Yankee Tars Will Wear 'Sunday Pants' While On Shore

Big Bottomed Trousers To Be "Canned" by Sailors.

Washington, June 4.—The big-bottomed pants of the navy are going to be quarantined. The proposal is to permit sailors on shore leave either to wear civilian clothes or to provide them with special short pants, regular Sunday-go-to-morning togs. But this cannot come until after peace has been promulgated.

#### MOVE TO ESTABLISH RHINELAND REPUBLIC LOOKS LIKE 'FLIVVER'

American Authorities Do Not Regard the Movement Seriously.

Coblenz, June 3.—Regarding the reports received here of the launching of the Rhineland Republic, today's summary of Intelligence issued by the American army says:

"The events of the last few days which have culminated in a definite attempt at Weidenbach to proclaim a Rhineland republic independent of Prussia but nevertheless part of the German federation, might be regarded as in the nature of comic opera were it not for the fact that they involve the deliberations at Versailles to a certain extent. To the impartial observer the importance of the movement consists chiefly in the opposition which has developed against it."

"One sees no concerted, hilarious greeting of this proffered freedom from the Prussian rule, but one does see that in the course of events the Rhineland is to become independent of Berlin it will require a set of German apostles better known than those who hitherto have been fathering the movement."

#### MAJORITY OF STRIKERS GO BACK TO JOBS

Toronto Workers Who Joined Sympathy Walkout Return To Work.

EMPLOYERS SPEAK

Tell Mayor Church the Metal Trade Employees Must Come Back First.

Toronto, June 4.—Many of the workers who walked out on strike last Friday, in sympathy with the men of the metal trades, went back to their daily toil today. The marine federation and shipbuilding men have notified their employers that they will return to work tomorrow, under the old conditions, pending further negotiation into their local grievances. This morning the carpenters are discussing things with their employers, and it is expected that an agreement will be reached shortly, and that they will go back.

The metal manufacturers, in a statement to Mayor Church this morning, said that they would not negotiate further with their men until they returned to work under the old agreement.

By tomorrow it is expected that the only strikers on the street will be the metal trades workers, who have been out for some weeks.

#### PRO-GERMAN AGENTS ON TRIAL IN ZURICH

Twenty Alleged Plotters Said To Be Italo-Swiss Anarchists.

TRIAL IN ITALIAN

Investigation Is Expected To Last For One Week.

Zurich, June 3.—The trial of twenty-eight alleged pro-German agents, whom twenty-four are said to be Italo-Swiss anarchists, was begun here today. The prisoners, two of whom are Hindus, are charged with plotting revolutions in Switzerland and Italy, the murder of former Premier Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino, the blowing up of banks in Rome and Milan and the destruction of the Simpson and other trams. The tables in the courtroom were today covered with a mass of bombs, grenades and revolvers of German origin and there were poison and bacteria tubes played in evidence.

In the House of the German consul-general here, it is explained, there were found 500 grenades, 400 revolvers and thousands of cartridges. One Hindu declared to have acted as an agent in the Italian language, is expected to last a week.

#### CONFERENCE GIVES GREAT OVATION TO RETURNED CHAPLAIN

Capt. Edwards Never Drank or Smoked Overseas.

BY STAFF REPORTER.

Goderich, June 4.—The private ministerial session of the Methodist conference held this morning at Goderich, Ontario, gave a big ovation to Capt. Edwards of the Highgate circuit, who spent over two years overseas leaving behind him a record of service in the 21st Battalion, London Regiment, touching neither tobacco nor intoxicating drinks during his sojourn overseas, was received with enthusiasm, and well as an interesting account of his experiences overseas.

Rev. J. W. Aiken, D.D., of Ottawa, who is to be in charge of the morning devotion at all sessions, was present this morning, and gave an inspiring address on "Jesus Christ as an Ideal Evangelist."

The theme of all these addresses is "The call of the church to make straight the way of the Lord."

#### ALLIED PEACE TERMS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE AUSTRIANS

Vienna, June 4.—The Austrian Government has decided unanimously that the peace terms presented at St. Germain on Monday are acceptable, the Neues Abendblatt says.

#### ALLIES WILL LIKELY ACCEPT GERMANY'S COUNTER OFFER OF HUNDRED BILLION MARKS

Entente Financial Experts Argue That It Would Likely Be Better To Accept This Sum, Coming Voluntarily, Than Impose a Greater Amount That Might Be Paid Only Under Heavily Pressure.

Paris, June 4.—The German counter offer of a hundred billion marks as an indemnity, surprised some of the Entente financial experts, who all along had believed that the chances of getting much more from Germany were not particularly good, but who now think that with some concessions as to the payment of interest, which is not included in the German proposal, the offer is perhaps acceptable.

Those experts argue that from the viewpoint of world credit arrangements it might be better to base the future financial plans of the Entente governments upon a definite sum of 100,000,000,000 marks voluntarily offered than on an indefinite assessment, which the Germans might accept only under protest.

#### WINNIPEG OFFICIALS TROUBLE BREWING BETWEEN FACTIONS OF RETURNED MEN

Returned Soldiers Have Refrained from Participating in Strikers' Demonstrations.

SITUATION UNALTERED

Conditions in Edmonton and Calgary Are Almost Normal Again.

Winnipeg, Man., June 4.—Members of veterans' associations, who have refrained from participating in demonstrations by strikers on advice of their leaders, planned a parade today under sanction of city officials. With veterans' strikers failed to repeat the scene of the previous day, when Parliament House was visited. Although conciliation officers have been obtained from both sides in the metal workers' controversy, all branches of organized labor, as well as the railroad brotherhood, have refused to take part in the parade.

Conditions in Edmonton and Calgary, where the general sympathetic strike failed to tie up public utilities, are reported as almost normal and seventy-five mounted police who have been on strike duty at Lethbridge have left there for Vancouver.

At Victoria, labor organizations deferred action on a general strike in sympathy with the Winnipeg workers until Thursday night. Street railway men, electrical workers and others oppose a strike.

News of the settlement of the threatened general strike at Toronto apparently had not altered the situation in Winnipeg early today.

#### WINNIPEG STRIKE LEADER

Rev. William Evans, the Methodist minister, who is the leader of the Winnipeg strikers.

Berlin, June 3.—By the Associated Press.—At a high noon session, the accusation abroad of a return to militarism, President Ebert, Herr Noske, the minister of defence, and Col. Bethardt, the war minister, have decided to re-establish the military salute which had been abolished.

An order has been issued that officers salute each other, those of the lower rank first; that non-commissioned officers and private salute their superiors, and that sentries stand at attention for officers, the president and the members of the cabinet. The rule does not apply at outdoor meetings.

#### What's Doing Tonight?

**THEATRES.**  
Grand—Mary Pickford, in "Daddy Long Legs," and "The Little Girl Who Swam."   
Majestic—Gloria Swanson, in "For Better, for Worse," and vaudeville.   
Patricia—William Farnum in "The Man-Hunter," and vaudeville.   
**OTHER EVENTS.**  
Child Welfare Exhibit—Mrs. Colin Campbell of Winnipeg speaks at Y. M. C. A. at 8:15 p.m.   
Order of Eastern Star—Ruth Chapter, No. 25, meets in K. of P. Hall, Dundas street, at 8 p.m.